

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

ne On Page 10, lines 11 and 12, please delete [R].

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 9-31 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 3 - 8 as follows:

3. (Amended) [The]A prosaposin receptor agonist [of claim 1, wherein the prosaposin receptor agonist consists]having from about 14 to 50 amino acids consisting of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2.

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4. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for treating neuropathic pain, comprising an effective amount that is greater than 20 µg/kg and less than 100 µg/kg of body weight of the prosaposin receptor agonist of claim 3 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

**REMARKS**

These remarks and amendments are in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2000. Claims 3 to 8 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Claims 9-31 have been cancelled.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to eliminate recitation of a generic consensus sequence.

The specific responses hereunder are numbered to correspond with the Office Action layout.